(By the late James P. Cowardin.)

The following interesting narrative James P. Cowardin, who was sergeantmajor of the corps of engineers under

1st and 9th days of April, 1865. The retreat of the Army of Northern Virginia will long be remembered. The events and incidents which then transpired will remain indelibly impressed upon the memories of the people of Virginia, and more especially of the army of General To future generations will be told often more. the tale of the sufferings of that gallant band on that memorabe and disastrous its of the quondam Confederacy who have the least idea or appreciation of the privations and trials through which those

Could the men of the North who are thoroughly blinded in their prejudices against those "vile rebels" have looked against those "vile rebels" have looked with impartial eyes upon the enduring fortitude with which General Lee's followers strongled against hunger, fatigue, I all the privations attendant upon a soldier's life; could they have known and appreciated the spirit which urged to the struggle; could they have trusted in the magnanimity with which sceepted and acknowleded, though with breaking hearts, a most galling de feat, they would with alacrity and zeal assist to remove every obstacle in the way of restoring peace and harmony to

our distracted country.

The writer of this narrative was a participant in the scenes of the retreat, as he had been in some of the severest battrenches in front of Richmond. His obect is to give a truthful narrative of the cipal incidents attendant upon the retreat. Should be indulge in something like enthusiasta in speaking of some prominent officers of the "rebel army" he begs to assure the reader that he lays le all party feeling in his admiration for true merit and gallantry. THE ENGINNING OF THE END,

On the night of the 1st of April those us who were stationed in front of

tersburg retired as usual, little thinkwhat stirring events would transpire the coming morrow. We had reand were led to believe that the fighting at Five Forks had resulted in our favor. The men, as usual, visited each other's quarters, while the officers discussed the probable movements of the comme, or ather, already opened campsign. There were none of us who would agree that the fighting at Five Forks had resulted in our favor. The men, as usual, visited each other's quarters, while the officers discussed the probable movements of the comme, or ather, already opened campsign. There were none of us who would agree that the fighting at Five Forks had resulted in our favor. The men, as usual, visited each other's at hird with blankets, and many were different forms thrown out of the many of cur officers, who were fired into on his arm, another loaded with shoes, at hird with blankets, and many were different forms thrown out of the many of cur officers, who were fired into on his arm, another loaded with shoes, at hird with blankets, and many were different forms thrown out of the many of cur officers, who were fired into on his arm, another loaded with shoes, at hird with blankets, and many were different forms thrown out of the many of cur officers, who were fired into on his arm, another loaded with shoes, with a bundle of jackets or pants was fired, and as he neared the southern abutment the flames sprang out and stopped him. His position was alread. His position on the favor of the could now many of cur officers, who were fired into on his arm, another loaded with shoes, at hird with blankets, and many virtually took place. Going to the was fired, and as he neared the southern abutment the flames sprang out and stopped him. His position was alread. His position on the favor of the chark the fighting in the bridge at the time it was fired, and as he neared the southern abutment the flames sprang out and stopped him. His positions and receipts for large and policiers, who were fired into the flames of the things.

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in the hour of his greatest need, tion. little knew that the country behind

teenth (Virginia); from Williamsburg, on fully appreciate as he marches of Brigadier-General Hill with Long-street's old brigade; and what solder has not bost of the prospect before him of a night's march, is enough; we will do it." has not heard of the deeds of A. P. Hill and his Light Division from Mechanicsville to Chancellorsville? The two have rendered each other's names immortal, to be roused from this lethargic state by don rang out, "Charge!" Any one of only could have done, in getting every-hattle with rose from every the command: "Halt! Rest!" He drops General Grant's army who was opposed thing in order. fame and brighter dories. As a lieutenant-general General Hill displayed the same skill is soon dreaming of his home. Here, at least, may the king or votary of ease, on distinguished, and but for his his bed of down, envy the soldier.

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PARTICULARS OF GENERAL BILL'S DEATH. On the morning of the 2d of April, after the line between Generals Heth and Wilcox had been broken, General Hill started-accompanied by two couriers-for the headquarters of the latter. As he was proceeding across the space stervening between the two divisions of his corps he came suddenly upon three Federal videttes. With his characterstic impetuosity he charged upon them, ordering them to surrender. They with a little more presence of mind and bravery than is usually displayed on such occasions fired upon him and his party, killing the General instantly, and wounding one of his conriers.

ON THE MORNING OF THE 4TH

we were roused bright and early, and

were soon on the march, though we did

delightful halt. We received this morn-

ing something to eat, for the first time

since leaving l'etersburg. We were con-tinually delayed during this day's march

and were consequently prepared for any

emergency the next day. The next

DEATH OF GALLANY COLONEL PEGRAM.

officers in the army. He was brave almost to a fault. Last winter during crossing of the two latter columns one of the fights at Hatcher's Run Neither of them had met with any moleswas written immediately after the war, he led Mahone's old brigade into tation since leaving their positions. nearly twenty-five years ago, by the late a charge, fon horseback and with James P. Cowardin, who was sergeantwards he was recommended to the command of an infantry brigade, but Gen-

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The period had elapsed between the Colonel T. M. R. Talcott. It is now examination to the application on the ground that he was too valuable Junction (we thought), and others by cooking utensils, and other arilloll but a private and other roads leading across heaped on the roadside. Clothing and private and other roads leading across heaped on the roadside. few weeks before his death. Thus was spatched from a family circle two of its snatched from a family circle two of its its, and joked every passing horseman The teams were nearly broken down; brightest lights. Yet how common is this in the South. There are but few by is one which was unfortunately families in which there is not at least one too much in vogue in our army. Very vacant chair-in many two or three, and often some excellent hits were made at those who well deserved them, but in wagon was immediately emptied. the majority of cases a quiet, unoffendthat memorabe and disastrous

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above exceptions afterwards proved false. | diery We were ordered into the city during the We saw this day-for the first time eroes passed during that ever-to-be-re- afternoon, and the excitement which since leaving Petersburg-" Mas Bob, wagons were being hastily loaded, and freshing to get a sight of our beloved overy person seemed to be most accommander, and as he passed we could engaged doing nobody could streets of Petersburg crying at the top the men as he passed, but each one of of his voice: "Look out! Look out! his soldiers looked with mute admira-They'll be here in fifteen minutes." tion and respect upon the embodiment

In a moment everything was in of so much that was noble and pure. a complete state of confusion; wagons were loaded without re-THOUBLES INCHEASING. gard to order or preservation; first, desks were thrown in, then a skillet perhaps, then a quartermaster's uniform, then a ham of bacon, finally frying-pans, coffee pots, mess chests, tent-flies, blankets, shoes, and chairs-all thrown in in an indescribable and almost inextricable that a long train of wagons had been mass of disorder. Many valuable articaptured by the Federal cavalry, tocles were thrown out to the mob, while gether with many reports from the rifles dash into a column on the march, cut

deserting such a commander, night, amid all the excitement attending tring or throwing themselves out as skirsay nothing of their standard or their the move, we had no time for reflect mishers. Mounted officers and men from both sides were riding about in hot

the the only railread upon which we depended was strained to its utmost to recommend these with the sailbox, and always been time. The attent of the sailbox and the sailbox, and always been time. The attent of the sailbox and the sail box and th There were but few of us who ventured to surmise as to the probable position. Towards 8 o'clock the next morning the firing from the right seemed to get more towards our rear than we had ever heard it, and shortly afterwards a messonger brought us the news that our favor must be indefinitely probable positions. We knew that the war to end in our favor must be indefinitely probable probable position, and the answer will affect him no more than the winds. Ask this question, and the answer will be almost invariably be, "That can be no one else than Gordon." This gallant one five for but ten months ago commanded a bright, and occasion-officer but ten months ago commanded a bright, and occasion-officer but ten months ago commanded a bright had been broken and that the our favor must be indefinitely probable position, and the answer will point, keeping close to the rear of the almost invariably be, "That can be no one else than Gordon." This gallant officer but ten months ago commanded a bright and occasion-officer but ten months ago commanded their sharpshooters would whistle the place once occapied by our lamented of "Stonewall" Jackson, at the head of the diers would only be spent at the end of Second corps. The history of the Spet-our days. The homes of our youth had sylvania campaign, could not be told.

For Malone and been expured. We were ordered to see that the mean time took them in flank. Science about a strategy and the see that the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with the mean time took them in flank. They (the Feedrails) were repressed with them at the ford order with them prospect before him of a night's march, his eyes will close in spite of him, and he loses all recollection of what is passing around him. How delightful it is himself on his earthy couch, abandons to this charge will attest to its efficacy. himself entirely to "balmy sleep," and (The above incident we give as it was gale was the one engaged in it, but of this we have not been authentically advised. However, should we be mistaken not a wagon with a team to it. were soon on the march, though we did unintentional error in depriving them of reached us, when we moved over not proceed far before we had a long and one whit of their widespread and justiy- the stream and started across the field deserved fame.) General Gordon is looked upon by the

and drew up near Amelia Courthouse, larity. We do not except Longstreet. not more than five miles from our last night's bivouac. Fortunately, our commissary had on hand one day's rations, which we drew and cooked, AT JETERSVILLE. We were not long in line of battle at the point last mentioned before we again moved forward to what is known as Jetersville. It cannot be called a village, although it contains what constitutes one morning a sort of junction was formed by the three columns marching from petersburg and Richmond. Pickett's, Bushrod Johnston's, a portion of the Third corps, and a greater portion of the Third corps, and a greater portion of the cavalry had marched on the south bank of the Appomattox and had been harassed them. It was a rather inspiring sight to was Colonel Willie Pegram, of Richmond, commanding a battalion of artillery in the Third corps. We cannot pass by such a gallant officer without paying a tribute to his memory. He entered the war as a private in old Com-

of Northern Virginia in point of popu-

STRUGGLING ON,

were both burned immediately after the There was every indication of a panic, and the enemy needed only to have thrown a shell or two into the train to From Amelia Courthouse different wagons were lightened by throwing of columns, it seemed, took different roads, some marching up the railroad, some by were loaded. All along the road might as usual. The habit of laughing at passers—most of them had been going almost in-by is one which was unfortunately cessantly since they left Petersburg with team showed signs of giving out the

HALY-STARVED, BUT PIGHTING. tion. They were wearied by continuous the flickering glare of an expiring marching, and the demoralizing influences brought to bear upon their minds tended but the more to exhaust them. bridge, near which we halted and had a prevailed defies description. Couriers as General Lee was almost universally and staff officers were riding to and fro. styled by his soldiers. It was really rethan twenty-four hours, and were living of. Only the excitement attending the on parched corn, and they were now fighting against overwhelming numbers of comparatively fresh men. It seems cidents of this day was truly dispiriting. A cavalryman frightened of reverence for that good man. There wonderful that our little handful of ln a few hours a great portion of the wonderful that our little handful of army had been surrounded and captured. Amelia Courthouse before we found that our troubles had not commenced and that we had a great deal of danger to were bold and brilliant. They would were bold and brilliant. They would were bold and brilliant that we had a great deal of danger to themselves behind the wagons, and They would shoot every one in sight.

barrels.

LEAVING THE CITY.

We passed on out of the city across the pontoon-bridge which hal been prepared for burning. As we reached the depot for clothing, the stragglers and passing troops had broken into it and were helping themselves indiscrimately. Here a few fellows might been with a bundle of jeskets or ravis. execuated. During this hight all was so and tedious. Frequent halting in line of battle without troops passed out leaving the pickets on their line. A short time before daylight we were notified that the bridges were notified that the bridges were about to be fixed and that was so were about to be fixed and that was so were about to be fixed and that was so were about to be fixed and that was so were about to be fixed and that was so were about to be fixed and televal and yelling of quartermasters, the crack-by falling into the hands of the Federals. On the railroad track near the bridge divers on their luckless animals; the crick of wounded men, and the lowling, wards and forwards, twiring a switch in signing as witch in signing and bursting of shells filled the

haste conveying orders and dispatches. brought but few besides his staff out

They did not remain so long before

way, and in a few moments there was bridge and at intervals on the road. on the other side. As we crossed men as next to General Lee in the Army the enemy's skirmishers, and before we reached the top of the hill opposite a battery had opened and was throwing shell in every direction. The fire be-came so hot that we increased our speed from a double-quick to a respectable run, and soon reached the top of the hill, which put us comparatively out of danger. General Gordon with his staff were there trying to rally what remained of the Second corps around them. General remarked as he turned and

> gade I could have saved those trains." JACKSON'S OLD CORPS.

locked at the wagons we had lost, "If I could have brought in one more bri-

THE LAST DAYS OF THE ARMY OF MORTHERN VIRGINIA.

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The Last Days of the Evacuation of Petersburg to Malker) in the scale of promotion, and marched the post which the occupied at his death. It is gallantry and efficiency as an artillery officer have in the surrender at Appomatics of raphically necessary for the surrender at Appomatics of the most prominent officers in the army. He was brave benefit is north bank, recrossing at Goode's benefit as for column so steadily that the mischave beheld the bare handfuls of men michane do there are possed that the north side of the James had crossed that trains were placed three abreast to hasten the north side of the James had crossed that trains were placed three abreast to have undered if these were really the divisions, or rather the remnants of the onward. Quartermasters swore at the divisions, or rather and from this bearing as a soldiler and from this bearing as a soldiler and from this bearing as a soldiler and from the surface of the James had crossed that trains were placed three abreast to have undered if these were really the divisions, or rather the remnants of the divisions, called out. Yes; they were a then onward. Quartermasters swore at the north backet. After General Gordow as imprisoned in the fac him in disastrons retreat from Manassas; with which he defeated a greater portion of Hooker's army on the bloody field of Chancellorsville, where the Confederate cause paid so dearly for victory with his ous epicure would his feast of choicest forever, we feit that we were brothers of Hooker's army on the bloody field of Chancellorsville, where the Confederate Here was the remnants of the corps which Ewell led into the Wilderness, which six months ago numbered more wood we stretched ourselves out as cast about at the mercy of the winds and 20,000 men and now could scarcely mus- near it as we could with safety to sleep, ter one tenth of that number. What a sight for Gordon! He had once led a briprovisions were thrown out, but the men did not allow them to remain long. The teams were nearly broken down; most of them had been going almost inmost of them had been going almost incompating the men at his eommand that the case of the most of them had been going almost incompating with leadership of the whole corps. The of war; that the cause for which we had peace and prosperity. but little if any feed, and whenever a but little if any feed, and whenever a died with its first leader, for vie- had fought our last battle in its defence. tory has since that day ceased to perch on its banners. It is true there is a bright light shining at its head

ereasing by desertion and straggling— was not crushed by Grant's army, which lost, and there was but little organizapartly surrounded it. Yet had it not tion left in the army. However, this been for the genius of Sheridan and the had but little effect on us, we were too superiority of his cavalry the chances nearly starved and exhausted. We are three to one that General Leo would dropped on the ground and were in-

we were notified that the bridges were every day rising before him.

We passed across Campbell's bridge and that the bridges were larged at work constructing such a desaurce of the engineer regiment under Colonel to the hards are hondful was day growing less by the base action of as many—they cannot be called men—who were deserting such a commander,

who were notified that the bridges and that the bridges were larged and that the bridges are larged and that the bridges were larged and that the bridges are larged and that the bridges were larged and that the bridges are larged and that the b been already a good deal of plunder thrown out on the road, but the amount here exceeded anything yet seen. Here, also, several pieces of artillery were left.

CUSTIS LEE CAPTURED.

At this place the trains took to the right of the main road by what seemed to be a small county road. Generals Ewell and R. H. Anderson took the main road, and had not gone more than a mile before the former, with his entire command, was surrounded and captured, and the latter, though he escaped, brought but few besides his staff out with him. Generals Custis Lee, Kerling of all the general officers of the army. There was our beloved General gathering of all the general officers of the army. There was our beloved General tator would have thought him a country gettlems could look upon him without revering him, and where is that soldier that ever followed him who looked upon him on this morning without shedding tears? He had led us faithfully and effectively is already too well established for us to attempt any further remarks on it. His record is one of the brightest connected with him. Generals Custis Lee, Kerling of all the general officers of the army. There was our beloved General gathering of all the general officers of the army. There was our beloved General gathering of all the general officers of the army. There was our beloved General Lee, looking nobler and grander than we had ever seen him. No one could look upon him on this morning without shedding tears? He had been to record is one of the brightest connected with as a strength of the army. There was our beloved General gathering of all the general officers of the army. There was our beloved General gathering of all the general officers of the army. There was our beloved General gathering of all the general officers of the army. There was our beloved General Lee, looking nobler and grander than we had ever seen him. No one could look upon him on this small treate was a survey gone, and the survey for the akin we entirely one, and the star was entirely gone, and the surve

Everything had possed as a dream, and possed as a dream, the wagon trains were hurried forward, the wagons being arranged two abreast to make the realized the real realized the realized t

A BRILLIANT APPAIR, to cheer us up very much.

intervals on the roadside could be seen rations on hand, which, with the addi-fires built for the purpose of parching tion of one and a half days' supply fires built for the purpose of parching corn, and whenever we came to one the which they received at Farmville, was men would rush from the ranks with all they had during the entire eight their frying-pans and scramble over it days. They were haraseed by the eneuntil two or three had obtained undisputed possession. The roads were awful despite their General's constant efforts and the teams were so weak from constant work and lack of food that whenstant work and lack of food that whenever they chanced to get into a bad place almost entirely annihilated. The "man hitch the teams and get them out of the of artillery was abandoned at the High

former occasions. To those who are acquainted with the brilliant record of wised. However, should we be mistaken not a wagon with a team to it. We we beg pardon of those heroes for an unintentional error in depriving them of reached us, when we moved over Lynchburg and Richmond turnpike. We this gallant officer it is unnecessary to say anything in his defence—his deeds bivouacked on this road near Concord speak for themselves. church, about fifteen miles from Farmwe were subjected to a scorehing fire from ville. This was the first night's rest we

had enjoyed since leaving Goode's bridge.

THE STH OF APRIL. the 9th of April two staff officers arrived from General Grant's headquarters

startled by several rapid volleys of musketry, accompanied with a few reports of artillery in our immediate front, which foretold another such day as Thursday had been. We made an early halt, within a mile and a half of Appomattox Courthouse. We received the several field of the se the probable exciting events of the of our friends was sad indeed. delicacies that the culinary art can con-coct. After replenishing our fire with alone, to struggle with and perhaps be What a perhaps, we thought, for the last time in our lives. How little we thought that

THE MEMORABLE OTH. brightly, and the cool, bracing spring morning atmosphere had awakened us Tothe Editor of the Dispatch: to welcome his genial rays as he began the journey of that ill-fated day. We of Virginia incorporated the Gloucester made our little preparations for the day's | Monument Association, the object of march; inspected our rifles and ammu- which was to build a monument to the nition in expectation of a day of hard back and parking on the roadside.

a tall, splendidly-formed officer, was lately promoted to the command While the skirmishing was going on at Hood's division, having been since the ly pure. the High bridge a brilliant affair had campaign of 1862 disabled by a severe taken place near Farmville, which served wound received at Manassas. His old We can only brigade opened the battles of the Chickgive from hearsay, the chief facts connected with it. Wilcox met the Federals is a splendid cavalry officer, and though diers would only be spent at the end of heavy had reached the Cox road. This our days. The homes of our youth had as bad news, and we began to have been given up, and our future home was with that man whom we loved, and at preparations for church, and the mention of his name, at preparations for church. At about 5 o'clock we reached Sailor's arecty done so before we were ordered agent for church and that the end of heavy not the spect were all though his sphere of action was confined for a portion of the time to the command of a small infantry brigade.

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GENERAL LEE'S PAREWELL. At about 10 o'clock on the merning of

We resumed our march on the morning of the 8th, feeling fresher than we had for several days, though one night's rest without other food than parched corn was insufficient for our overtaxed energies; and before we halted for the night for several hours. As he rode back his construction of the court of t we were as much exhausted as ever.

During the day we passed the Federal prisoners in our hands, about 1,500 in number. Poor fellows, they must have been nearly starved. It could not be helped, for our own men were in the seme alignst.

To several hours. As he rode back his soldiers crowded themselves on each side of the road and closed around him with deafening cheers. On every side they crowded in, and were more enthusiastic towards him than had ever been witnessed. To-day theadmiration which had same plight.

We could not account for the unusual knew no bounds. When we felt that we The staff officers of the different divisions stationed themselves at various since we had left the High bridge scarce-points and called out: "Fall in here, ly a gun had been heard. Towards where to part with him we could no longer restrain our ardor. The old General made a short speech, but there were but who heard him. The men were as

served side by side and fought together waves of adversity. We pursued ou ways homeward, sad enough that the We pursued our issue had been decided against us, but

FINIS.

The Gloucester Confederate Monu-

memory of the Gloucester soldiers who We moved down the road were slain or died in service during the about a half a mile and then halted, late war. An executive committee of stacking arms. Gordon was thundering the association has had charge of the away in front; the wagons were coming task. After years of labor and toil, aid-On ed by the prayers and smiles of the the hill on which Apponentiox Court-house was situated a battery of artillery cheerfully rendered by the Glouces-was firing at intervals. At this time a ter fathers and brothers and sons was firing at intervals. At this time a ter fathers and brothers and sons battery of Federal artillery, with its and relations and friends of the fallen had but little effect on us, we were too send men, was brought in, which dropped on the ground and were instantly in the land of dreams.

AT THE HIGH REMORE.

The next morning (April 7th) "Fighting Billy Mahone" was placed with his division in the rear. No enemy appeared in sight until about 8 o'clock. According to Mahone's orders the High bridge was fired from the north side of the Appointation as they appeared in sight. The First regiment of engineer froops, who were posted there for this purpose, were drawn up in line of bathing bridge, and a portion of them were thrown out as the valley below the bridge, and a portion of them were thrown out as the valley below the bridge, and a portion of them were thrown out as the valley below the bridge, and a portion of them were thrown out as the valley below the bridge, and a portion of them were thrown out as the valley below the bridge, and a roley in the rear and the valley below the bridge, and a roley in the portion of them were thrown out as the valley below the bridge, and a roley in the rear and the valley below the bridge, and a roley in the rear and the valley below the bridge, and a roley in the rear and the valley below the bridge, and a roley in the rear and the valley below the bridge, and a roley in the rear and the valley below the bridge, and a roley in the rear and the valley below the bridge, and a roley in the rear and the valley below the bridge, and a roley in the rear and the cented at Gloucester Courthouse, Va. The Peters burg Grantite -Quarrying Company took the contract to build it. Blocks of granite -Quarrying Company took the contract to build it. Blocks of granite -Quarrying Company took the contract to build it. Blocks of granite -Quarrying Company took the contract to build it. Blocks of granite -Quarrying Company took and we began to get the contract to build it. Blocks of creek the contract to build it. Blocks of the contract to build it. Blocks of creek and and rear and contract to build it. Blocks of granite -Quarrying Company took horses and men, was brought in, which we were told had just been captured by Gordon. This cheered us very much burg Granite-Quarrying Company took our troubles had not commenced and that we had a great deal of danger to pass through before we reached our standing point. We heard the report themselves behind the wagons, and cles were thrown out to the mob, while
many perfectly useless were thrown in.
Orders were given to do so many things
that nobody did anything. The commissary depot presented a scene of tumult and riot. Hungry women and
mult and riot. Hungry women and riot with many reports from the rifles and shoot right and left, and back with almost entire impunity.

Suddenly all ceased, and a volley from the north side of the Appomattox as they appeared in such the engineers was the last fired by the Army of Northern Virginia. A courier riding by informed us that General Lee being made to have a grand demonstration of the myster in the engineers was the last fired by the with Masonic ceremonies, at Glousight. The First regiment of engineer riding by informed us that General Lee being made to have a grand demonstration of the myster in the north side of the Appomattox as they appeared in the Army of Northern Virginia. A courier riding by informed us that General Lee being made to have a grand demonstration of the myster in the north side of the Appomattox as they appeared in the Army of Northern Virginia. A courier riding by informed us that General Lee being made to have a grand demonstration of the myster in children were crowding, fighting, and serambling to get into the house, while soldiers were actually drinking liquor from the gutters as it poured from the barrels.

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